

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-48 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group IX, original claims 40-43, with traverse. Applicants note that the characterization of original claim 40 in the Office Action, i.e., that it encompasses only Latanoprost, is incorrect. Original claim 40 includes embodiments in which the B group may be any of a variety of groups not limited to isopropoxy, and A is similarly not limited to CH₂CH₂-Ph. Original claim 40 has been canceled, and all of its limitations incorporated into each of the new and amended claims now reflected in the attached claim set, with the exception of original claims 41-43, which were/are already part of elected Group IX. Thus all of the current claims are within the scope of Group IX, in accordance with the Restriction Requirement. In addition, claim 42 has been amended to correct a misspelling. No new matter has been added.

Applicants provide below, for the Examiner's convenience, a chart indicating the current claims and the original claims whose limitations they incorporate. Claims in parentheses are alternative limitations, indicating that the current claim is multiply dependent.

Current Claim	Original Claims			
2	40	1	2	
3	40	1	(2)	3
4	40	1	4	
8	40	7	8	
9	40	7	9	
13	40	12	13	
14	40	12	14	
18	40	17	18	
19	40	17	(18)	19
23	40	22	23	
24	40	22	24	
25	40	22	25	
26	40	22	26	
30	40	29	30	
31	40	29	31	
32	40	29	32	
33	40	29	33	
35	40	34	35	
36	40	34	36	
37	40	34	37	
38	40	34	38	
41	41			
42	42			
43	43			
49	40	1		
50	40	1	2	47

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51	40	1	47	
52	40	1	44	
53	40	1	45	
54	40	1	46	
55	40	7		
56	40	7	8	47
57	40	7	57	
58	40	12		
59	40	12	13	47
60	40	12	47	
61	40	17		
62	40	17	18	47
63	40	17	47	
64	40	22		
65	40	22	23	47
66	40	22	47	
67	40	29		
68	40	29	30	47
69	40	29	47	
70	40	34		
71	40	34	35	47
72	40	34	47	

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now ready for substantive examination.

Respectfully submitted,



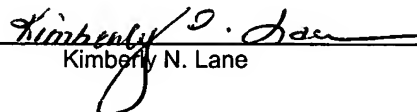
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